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Mary Lynn McKee, RN, BSN, MPA, MSN, has been a nurse for 45 years, the last 14 of which have been at Oakwood Hospital-Dearborn as a leader in quality and patient safety. Ms. McKee's philosophy is that quality and patient safety go hand in hand. Quality patient care results in a safer environment for both patients and families.

Ms. McKee monitors quality indicators and provides timely information to the nursing staff for their review. Data and graphs allow nurses to track progress, or lack of progress, for all their quality indicators and guides quality improvement plans. Ms. McKee helps staff to analyze the data, educates them about best practices and assists them to get the "evidence to the bedside" where it matters the most.

Ms. McKee's sphere of influence is very broad and touches not only nursing but other disciplines as well, and reaches across the Oakwood Healthcare System. As co-chair of the Code Blue Committee she leads the team in reviewing all cardiac arrest data to determine if care was consistent with standards of practice and timely. As a member of the Patient Safety Committee and the Restraint and Falls Team, she helps to lead the hospital in reviewing quality indicators and developing improvement plans related to fall reductions and minimizing use of restraints. The Critical Care Committee depends upon her to review quality data related to the outcomes and compliance with practice standards for critical care patients and make recommendations for practice improvement. As co-chair of the Corporate Clinical Practice Committee she leads the establishment nursing policies, procedures, and standards that hardwire safe, effective, evidence-based practices across Oakwood Healthcare System.

Ms. McKee reminds nurses that nursing is one of the most trusted professions and it is nurses' duty to speak up for safety. She mentors nurses to be patient champions by providing them with the resources to be able to speak up as knowledgeable patient advocates. She has consistently helped to lead nurses on the journey to excellence by inspiring them to find evidence based solutions to improve safety and quality.